(b) Yes. Sir. in case the LIC has to consider loan for Jodhpur Lift Canal Water Supply Project within the Plan allocation, a major portion of the allocation which is normally in the range of Rs. 3 to 4 crores only per annum, will have to be released for this project and other schemes may not receive LIC assistance under Plan allocation for a long time. LIC has already written to the Government of Rajasthan explaining its view points.

(c) Yes, Sir. Reserve Bank of India, Bombay has issued necessary instructions to the Finance Secretaries of all the State Governments to the effect that the State Governments may consider extending their guarantee, on the merits of each case, on behalf of the State sponsored body in respect of loans sanctioned by the financial institutions even if the rate of interest on such loans exceeds 11.5 per cent per annum.

Drinking Water Needs of Jaiselmer and Jodhpur Districts

1474. SHRI GAJ SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan Government have sent to the Central Government a proposal costing Rs. 70.41 crores for twenty small schemes for the drinking water needs of 132 villages of Jaiselmer and Jodhpur districts on the route of the Jodhpur lift canal; and

(b) if so, whether the schemes have been sanctioned; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 39.80 crores.

(b) The project has been forwarded by the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) to the European Economic Commission (EEC) for bilateral assistance.

Memorandum of Ordnance Clothing Factory Worker's Union, Avadi, Madras

1475. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Memorandum dated 26th August, 1991 from Ordnance Clothing Factory Worker's Union, Avadi, Madras has been received by Government;

(b) whether the said representation deals with alleged non-implementation of judgement of Madras Central Administrative Tribunal duly upheld by the Supreme Court of India, regarding payment of piece rate arrears to the employees of Ordinance Clothing Factory, Avadi;

(c) if so, the reasons for non-implementation of the Tribunal's orders and that of the Supreme Court; and

(d) by when these orders are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of the answer to (a) above.

Memorandum received from All India Tyre Dealers' Association, Delhi

1476. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated 10-8-91 from All India Tyre Dealers' Association, Delhi has been received by the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, what are their grievances; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to redress their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The grievance of the All India Tyre Dealers' Federation is that the tyre manufacturers are arbitrarily increasing the prices of tyres. There is no statutory control over the prices of tyres. However, on the basis

of recommendations of BICP, Government have placed specific categories of truck and bus tyres under OGL at a reduced rate of duty for import by bulk consumers like Road Transport Corporations to keep a check on prices of tyres. Government is not in favour to allow import of tyres under O.G.L. at a reduced rate of duty to tyre dealers. Tyre manufacturers are embossing essential information on the side walls of tyres.

Collaboration proposal of Kelogg

1477. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent statement of our Ambassador to USA regarding a number of pending collaboration which has been approved including Kelogg;

(b) what are the items which Kelogg is planning to make and the approximate capacity for each item;

(c) whether there is any export commitment; and

(d) what is the value of imports involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (d) M/s. Kelogg International, USA, has submitted a 'concept paper' to the Ministry of Food Processing Industries for setting up a project in India for manufacture of a range of grain-based ready to eat cereal products.

Import of Potassium Penicillin-G

1478. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are allowing import of Potassium Penicillin-G first crystal to only those units who lift 50 per cent indigenous Potassium Penicillin-G against immediate payment at three times the international price from Public Sector Units;

(b) whether such action of Government amounts to discrimination against those who have scarce resources;

(c) whether such action of the Government creates monopolies for the large scale sector and curbs growth of small scale units who are unable to lift the same against cash payment; and

(d) what is the rationale behind this policy and why fiscal measures such as custom duty etc. are not used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) As per the existing policy for the year 1991-92, Import of Penicillin-'G' is allowed to organised as well as Small Scale Sector units in the ratio of 50 (Imported) : 50 (Indigenous) after lifting the indigenous material from the Public Sector Undertakings at a price, notified by Government from time to time. The ratio between indigenous and imported Penicillin-'G' is fixed taking into account the overall demand and indigenous availability.

Items in the Restricted list of Imports of the Exim Policy are normally permitted to be imported only if they are not indigenously available. Therefore, each unit is required to first lift the indigenous Pencillin-'G' before securing imports. Since Pencillin-'G' is the raw material for the manufacture of a number of important antibiotics, imported Penicillin-'G' has been exempted from customs duty. This is in keeping with Governments' resolve to make quality drugs available at reasonable prices.

Inclusion of SC and ST in the Selection Committees

1479. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India's instruction for inclusion of SC/ST